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Select Poetry.

[From the Knickerbocker Magazine.] DEAL GENTLY WITH MY MOTHET, WORLD.

BY HENRY CLAY PREUSS. Deal gently with my Mother, World! Her days are in the yellow leaf, And time with her is growing brief; She is not now what she hath been: Her eye hath lost its glowing sheen; The rose is faded from her check, And life's dark stream grows faint and weak

The forms which walked with her of yore Come back again, oh, nevermore! Deal gently with my Mother, World! I was not favored by thee, World! Oh, life was dark, e'en from my birth,

And I have tried long of earth ; But now I know mine hour is come, And I shall soon be going home: I feel the death-damps on my brow, But, World, I do not blame thee now : Though thou hast been unkind to me, I cast no harsh reproach on thee! My boyish dreams have passed away : But with my dying breath I pray, Deal gently with my Mother, World.

Spare her in your sorrows, World; I was her favorite, darling boy ; Her earthly hope, her spirit's joy. God only knows I loved her well— How much, no language can tell. But I am fallen in my prime, As leaves in early summer-time, And when my soul shall leave its clay, Her last fond hope will pass away: Then, in my deep despondency, This dying boon I crave of the: Deal gently with my Mother, World!

Tales and Shetches.

THE LOCKET; OR, MURDER WILL OUT.

pose in visiting the Africa coast was to open a not affluent circumstances, and her daughter, a and twenty. Her countenance was beautiful at length dispelled. traffic with the natives, for whatever produce very pretty young woman of about six and twen- though pale and sad, and she always were deep. In his confession the doomed wretch stated could be obtained in the way of barter, for a va- tv years of age. rious and extensive assortment of European goods with which she was provided.

alluded to for three days, and the deep darkness countrymen, who had witnessed the accident perished along with her Mary had been betrothof an African night had gathered around her for from a field in which they happened at the mo- ed Capt. Evandale, Margaret's brother, and they relations of young Evandale, Mr. Ecclesford had used to be related by the Hon. Jeremiah and, accordingly, the has just been elected a life the third time since she had entered it. Two ment to be working. seamen kept watch on deck. At least, two were The wounded man having been carefully laid the fatal voyage which he had been destined nev- of the latter, thinking that the doing so would occurred at Portsmouth: on deck for that purpose; but one of them, over- on a couch, a messenger was instantly daspatch- or to complete. powered by the oppressive heat and closeness of ed for a medical man. the atmosphere, had fallen asleep on a coil of ca- For several weeks he lay in a very precarious hand, she started, grew pale as a corpse, and, new turn to the affair, and such a one as deterble that lay in the fore part of the vessel, near state, but a robust constitution and skillful med- sinking into a chair, asked her freind, in a faint mined Hr. Ecclesford to follow out certain susthe windlass. The other man was leaning list- ical aid finally triumphed and he began gradual- and almost inaudible voice, if she knew where picions which it had excited. He in short, suslessly over the stern, humming a song, and ga- ly, though slowly, to recover. A fractured limb. Captain Stanley had fallen in with it. Margaret pected, and very strongly, that Mrs. Evandale's zing on the brilliant phosphorescent streams of however, kept him confined to bed, and threat- Evandale, in great surprise at her frind's emo- immate was no other than the murderer of her light that were, ever and anon, shooting through ened to do so for some time to come. the dark abyss of waters beneath. All at once It was at the end of about ten days after he must have bought it. the man's ear caught the dull cautious sound of had been brought to Mrs. Evandale's, and when "No, no, Margaret, he could not; at least, I private by which the Minerva had been plundered a muffled oar. He sprang up in alarm from his he first began to rally, that the stranger sent for think he could not," said Mary Walters. "He and sunk. recumbent position; for neither he, nor any one his kind hostess, and, after apologizing in a who owned it would not have parted with it for Under this suspicion he refused, mildly indeed, in the vessel, was aware of any ship being near rough and blunt sort of way for the trouble he money-no, not for all the world's wealth; and but determinedly, to give up the locket which them from which a boat could have come. Again had given her, insisted on her accepting five how it should have been rescued from the depths. Miss Walters had put in his hands, although he listened, and, after an interval, again he heard guineas, and agreeing to take further remunera- of the ocean, I cannot conceive." the flat, stealthy sound of the muffled oar, which tion for whatever longer time his injuries might "Mary, dear, what do you mean?" inquired which he said would shortly be explained.

deck, as there was a strange boat approaching. climes. His age seemed to be about forty. a ribald jest and boisterous laugh.

little trader. They were all reckless and despered. each having a brace of pistols and a large knife stirring tales. or dagger stuck in his belt, besides a sheathless front.

milder aspect and more refined manners than the and fro, as if it were the plaything of a child, onds before he could make any answer at all .-- the Forwarding lines are shipping goods with rest. He was a young man, extremely hand- till her admiration of the bold and daring spirit At length he said, with an off-hand air of indiffer- great dispatch.

some in person, and of a very prepossessing coun- by which these scences had been braved, had pas- ence, which it was evident he did not in reality

3 00 of those by whom he was surrounded. Indeed, followed the same profession, but who had been But let's see it, Margaret," he said, for it was day, when one led off with sayingworst and most desperate character.

dawned, its light revealed a low, black, mischie- ment she had formed for him on other grounds. now, o, and I'll give you something ten times yous-looking schooner, with masts raking know- In as far, too, as his bold and boisterous na- handsoner.

der the latter had secured.

the ill-fated vessel, when the pirates commenced correcting improving of each other. nable on which they could lay their hands.

pirates, and when a new sun arose on the lonely exhibited no signs of an intention to leave it. its bosom. It was described. The pirates had, it was, at any rate, was explained. Captain family, ad been part proprietor of the unfortuduring the darkness of night, scuttled and sunk Stanley formally propossed for the hand of Mar- nate vessel commanded by young Evandale, and their prize, with the bodies of her murdered crew. garet Evandale. An old friend of the family was joint adventurer with him in the trading specuand had themselves put to sea, in order to get as consulted on the occasion. He saw no reason to lation on which he had gone to the west coast of fast and as far away as possible from the scene doubt, he said, the Captain's respectability, and Africa-for it was to that quarter of the world

of this tragedy, that the stage coach (it was then lions was the favorable reception of Stanley's suit. Now at so happened that Mr. Ecclesford had, were more or less injured.

be carried to the nearest house. This was a neat terwoven into small diamond-haped plaits.

Mrs. Evandale eagerly opened her door to admit Minerva must have been lost, and that her com- to believe, in Britain, though he knew not he did it and-sloped. The little vessel had been at anchor in the bay the disabled stranger, who was carried by some mander and his unfoptunate crew must all have where.

His alarm increasing, the man, after straining This was the first time Mrs. Evandale had had her reason. his eyes for a second or two, in a vain endeavor a proper view of her lodger, and the opportunity "Ill tell you what I mean, Margaret," said locket by Mr. Ecclesford had been mentioned, to penetrate the profound darkness around, and enabled her to perceive that he was a fine looking Mary Walters, with that semblance of composuddenly disappeared, and was no where to be obtain a glimpse of the object of his suspicion, if man, of swarthy complexion, and having alto- sure often induced by intense feeling; "that seen or heard of. not his fears, rushed to the companion-way, and gether the appearance of one who had seen much locket was my last gift to your brother. I gave Ten days after, the apprehension in Liverpool, called down to the captain to come quickly on of the world, and had been exposed to many it to him on the day he left this to proceed on by a ccuple of Bow street officers, of a noted

themselves on the deck, and rushing aft with During this period, a degree of intimacy had mad doubtless obtained it is of India manufacture; and if futher proof him, including the locket, the strongest of all spatched both the unfortunate seamen who had her daughter, which had placed them on a com- were wanting to establish its identity, I shall find secured his conviction, and he suffered at the first given the alarm, and the captain of the ves- paratively familiar footing with each other, and it here." And opening the locket with a facility usual place of execution in London, for criminals risk you any where and through life. Men who sel, who in his shirt and trowsers, had just gain- it was when this understanding had grown up be- that showed a perfect familiarity with its mecha- of his descriptioned the deck as his murderers reached the com- tween the parties that the stranger gave, for the nism, she raised the potrait it contained with the It remains only to be added that this result panion. This done, the ruffians, leaving a strong first time, something like a history of himself .- point of her scissors, and pointing to a small cir- this retributive justice, had been brought about party to keep watch on deck, hurried down be- His name-this, however, he had mentioned be- clc filled up with intricate lines, which were enlow, and put every one whom they found there to fore -was Stanley, William Stanley. His profes- graved in the centre of the thin plate of gold that ately after obtaining possession of the locket put death. They then assembled in the cabin, and sion, the sea; which he said he had followed since divided the locket into two compartments, said. himself in correspondence with the office in Bow bably "cupped in the head," called at the Frankhaving forced some lockers, took thence a num- he was a boy. That, latterly, he had had the "Here it is. These apparently unmeaning lines street, when the case was promptly taken up, lin a few nights since, and requested one of the on just as you are going about a mile and a half: ber of bottles containing various kinds of liquor, command of a large American ship, trading be- from the initials of your brother's name and mine and, as we have seen, efficiently followed out. and began regaling themselves with their con- tween Boston and Canton in China. That hav- -R. E. (Robert Evandale.) and M. W. (Mary On Miss Evandale, the effect of this unfotunate tents, which chiefly consisted of wines and spir- ing realized an independency in that employment Walters.) They were engraved by a friend of affair was, for a time, sufficiently distressing; its, which they quaffed largely, and with many he had now come to his native country, from mine, and made purposely intricate, that they but in escaping the dreadful fate of being united which he had been absent for five and twenty might not be too readily made out. But I can to the murderer of her bother, she found a con-We may here pause a moment to describe the years, to spend the remainder of his days in the trace them exactly." And to Margaret Evan-solation which amply compensated the temporuffian crew who now crowded the cabin of the quiet enjoyment of the fortune he had acqui- dale's unutterable surprise, she did so with the rary pain of a disappointed attachment, had not,

ed, and deeply browned by the burning suns of seen, and Othello-like, of the dangers he had pas- quite distinct. the trophics. They were all armed to the teeth: sed; and another Desdemona was won by the Mary Walters now entreated her friend to in- py a connexion.

cutlass, which, when not in action, he carried of the seaman, and listened to his stories of sav- siring at the same time, leave to retain possestucked under his arm, the bare blade projecting age lands, of wild adventure: to his thrilling des- sion of it until some account of it was obtained. hours, fifty-five minutes and fifty-three seconds. far behind, while the hilt just appeared in criptions of the mighty tempests that career over On being asked regarding the trinket, Captain the face of the great deep, heaving the ponderous Stanley evinced a good deal of surprise, and not Amongst these ruffians was one of somewhat billows to the sky, and tossing the huge ship to a little discomposure. It was, indeed, some sec-

sed into a deep and intense love. As is often the case, however, this person's The knowledge that their immate was, or had ... Why, what's all this about a locket? Do character sadly belied his looks. For nothwith- been, a seaman, gave him an additional interest they suppose I stole it, ch ? I bought it from a the river folks have but little to do else than sam- tice was our respected teacher; but his patience standing these external signs, or promises of a in the eyes of both Margaret Evandale and her Jew in London, and that's all I can tell about it. ple fluids and solids, whittle, smoke, and spin at times would get the better of him, and get better nature, he was in no respect less wicked, mother, for they had a near and dear relative, a Bought it and paid for it. A good round sum yarns. About a dozen of well known river cap- nearly exhausted by the infraction of the school in no degree less inhuman than the most ferocious son to the one, and brother to the other, who had too. I needn't say how much; and I won't. - tains, pilots, etc., congregated in - t'other rules by the scholars. On one occasion in a very by none of them had his deeds of blood on this lost at sea, it had never been ascertained exactly with hir this conversation took place, and I will dreadful night been equalled, two-thirds of all bow. He had been captain and principal owner find you another that shall be no subject of imthose killed in the vessel, including her unfortu- of the vessel he sailed in-the Minerva, of Fair- pertinent inquiry and remark." nate master, having perished by his individual haven-which never returned from the voyage hand. This young man was the captain or lea- on which she last proceeded. Nor had any thing friend Mary Walters had entreated to be allowed der of this band of murderers, who, it need ever since been heard of either the vessel herself, to keep the locket till she had made the inquiries stream, and the water began to chill. scarcely be added, were also pirates, and of the or of any of her unfortunate crew. Little wonder which he had just answered, but promised that was it, then, that the widow's heart should warm she would bring it to him in the afternoon. Having refreshed themselves, the rufflans pro- to Capt. Stanley, who so strongly reminded her "Ny, curse it; get it back instantly, Marceeded to rifle the cabin of the little trader, in of her long lost and most beloved son. Little garet, exclaimed Captain Stanley impatiently, which they found a good deal of money and val- wonder that Margaret Evandale should associate and in state of pertubation and excitement, uables of various kinds. Thus employing them- with this person the tenderest recollections of an which fliss Evandale was greatly at a loss to selves, the night were away, and when morning adored brother, and should thus rivet the attach- underfand, "Run for it, like a good girl. Come,

ingly abaft, rounded the bluff point in which the ture would admit, did Capt. Stanley, in turn, be- It we not this promise, but a desire to oblige land on the southern side terminated. It was come attached to Margaret Evandale, Yet it Captair Stanley, that induced Miss Evandale the pirate vessel to which the boat belonged was odd that such an attachment should have install to throw on her bonnet and shawl and that had boarded and captured the little tra- sprung up between them, for they were of the hasten back to Mary Walters, to request the most opposite tempers and dispositions imagina- locket rom her. Two hours had not elapsed Aware of the success of her boat's crew, she ble-Margaret being gentle and timid, Stanley since the latter had obtained possession of it; was now coming up to take on board the plun- fierce and impetuous. Such apparently incon- yet shecame too late. The locket had already gruous associations, however, are far from being passedinto other hands-into hands that would In less than half an hour she was alongside uncommon, and may serve a wise purpose in the not relase their hold of it till more satisfactory

removing the cargo from their prize into the In the meanwhile time passed on. The pa- Captair Stanley had yet vouchsafed. schooner, together with every thing useful or val- fient was now convelescent, and could walk Mary Walters had mentioned the extraordiwithout the aid of crutch or stick. Still he con- nary circumstance of the locket to a Mr. Eccles-Night closed this busy and guilty day with the tinued an inmate of Mrs. Evandale's cottage, and ford, wio chanced few minutes after Miss Evan-

African bay, no vessel was to be seen floating on A short time longer and the mystery, such as This rentleman, was an intimate friend of the * * still less to question the independence of his cir- he had sailed, and it was there he had met his hemp." It was about twelve years after the occurrence comstances, and the concequence of these opin- fate, whatever that fate was.

the only one) that passed through Newarton, in A day was fixed for the celebration of the wed- two or bree days previously, read in the London ishing touches to a white pine delphin, "is some: the south of Scotland, capsized at an abrupt turn ding. Three days previously the bridegroom papers an account of the trial there of two scamen it is cold on the prairies now and then; but I can of the road, about a mile and a half west of the presented the bride elect with a massive gold for piracy, and of the confession of one of them, tell you of a cool snap I once knew, in the dead village named, whereby several of the passengers locket, set round with brilliants, and of singular- after having received sentence of death, of having of summer time, out in Shelby, Kentucky." ly exquisite workmanship; one side containing been concerned in a piracy on the coast of Afrea. Amongst the sufferers on the occasion above his own portrait done in miniature on a small on which ocasion the whole crew had been mur- of the slightly incredulous. alluded to, was a gentleman an outside passen- ivory plate, the other containing a lock of his dered aid the vessel sunk. ger, who was so seriously injured that he had to own and of Margaret Evandale's hair, neatly in- From the description given in this account of the frogs were mightly thick around there, and it ing ieu d'esprit upon Sontag's new honors in Vir-

Being of a kind and benevolent disposition, ten years -ever since it became certain that the person he minutely described, was, he had reason

On the locket being put into Mary Walters' The story of the locket, however, had given a

now appeared to be close at hand. | compel him to continue an inmate of her house. | Margaret fearfully, thinking her friend had lost | On the day following. Captain Stanley, to

his last fatal voyage. I know it well, although pirate captain who had committed some dreadful Ere the sentence was out of his mouth, however, Six weeks after, the stranger was still an in- the original portrait has been removed and an- murder, was announced in the paper. This capthe boat he alluded to was alongside, and in the mate of Mrs. Evandale's. He was now rapidly other put'in its place. It was brought from In- tain was Stanley. He was subsequently be ought to next instant twelve or sixteen armed men, each approaching entire convalescence, although still dia by my father, who bought it of a soldier who trial, when the deposition of his companions in carrying a naked cutlass in his hand, had thrown unable to walk without the aid of crutches. had been at the taking of Seringapatam, where he guilt, who had been previously executed, and point of a needle, bringing regularity out of appa- perhaps, been very deeply seated. And her rate looking men : bare-throated, large-whisker- He told, too, of the wondrous sights he had rent confusion, and making the letters appear good sense taught her to appreciate the kind

quire of Captain Stanly without a moment's de-Margaret Evandale gazed on the manly form lay where he had purchased the locket, and de-

Miss Evandale now informed him that her

explantion were given regarding it than those

dale had left her

mourning. She had done so for the last eight or also that the captain of the pirate ship, whose frozen in that way."

only given needless pain.

tion, replied that she did not; but supposed he son, the murderer of Margart Evandale's brother. and of Mary Walters' lover-the captain of the

without assigning any reason for his conduct,

whom the circumstance of the detention of the

Providence which had saved her from so unhap- The next morning he returned claimed his pile

\$4000 yesterday, in a match against time, hav- cotic. ing accomplished one hundred miles in eight The time limited was nine hours.

The Canal is in fine navigable order, and

A Trio of Longbows.

Some of our "river men" are not slow coaches

"Capt. Mac, thundering cool morning."

skiff to cross the river, a north wind swept down ter, one of these detectors shouted out:

"Pull," says I, Bob stick in your paddles it's

going to freeze." "'Tis freezing," says Bob.

"Pull,' says I, and the ice began to get thick as window glass, before we got ten yard out in whisper?"

" Pull," says I, " Bob."

rods further, the ice was thick as a beef steak, to me to reach me the arithmetic that contained and though Bob and I kept breaking the ice and the rule I wished to see." pushing the boat, it got so thick ahead of us, that we dropt the skiff; she was frozen in. We the same time, told John he could not suffer him got out on the ice and run like ----, to get to escape the stated punishment, and continued: ashore, before we froze to death."

" Not so very cold, that warn't nuther." says a weather beaten pilot. "Now there's Jimmy Gilfillian and I, once were driving a flock of sheep across a big prairie, near the Illinois river ; about the time we got half way across the prairie, one punishment." of them north winds swept down upon us, the sheep huddled together, we found we were about to freeze, so we takes to our feet and run about two miles to a woods, where we started a fire, and laid up for the night. It was awful cool, and a feller would roast one side to the fire and freeze t'other. Well, sirs, next morning we goes out to the sheep; they were all huddled together; we commenced starting them up, but none of 'em would move, and by thunder and Goliah, we found 'em all dead-frozen together, all in a

"That sheep story," said a well known river man, who with a dirk-knife, was giving the fin-

"Cool snap in the dead of summer ?" said one

the unfortunate ship, of the place where, and came on to freeze and blow so in ten minutes ginia;

were to have been married on his return from not mentioned to them his suspicions of the fate Mason of New Hampshire, and it is said to have member of the Virginia Agricultural Society! A

our Criminal Courts of assigning counsel to such plowing match, where the chivalry et F. F. V.'s theft, and without counsel, said to a wag of a css herself was present to give her countenance counsel I could him give was to cut and run, must be added to her repertoire." which he took at once.

ENERGY. -- See! how that fellow works! No obstacle is too great for him to surmount, no ocean too wide for him to leap ; no mountain too high for him to scale. He will make a stir in the world and no mistake. Such are the men who build our radroads, dig up the mountains in California and enrich the world. There is nothing gained by idleness and sloth. This is a tation and exert a happy influence. Men must B. After drinking the wag laid down his shilbe active, persevering, and energetic. They must not quail at, hadows-run from lions, or attempt to dodge the lightning. Go forward zealously in what ever you undertake, and we will faint and quail, are a laughing stock to angels, devils, and true men.

A respectable looking old gentleman who said he hailed from the West, and who was palclerks to take charge of his money.

"The fact is," says he, "I met a number of but I might lose my money."

The clerk took his wallet and reckoned up the take." contents, which amounted to nearly \$500, put it . "Ah." says the parson, " why do you call away, and the old fellow went back to his friends. them ministers ?'. saying he had a glorious time without spending stands up at the cross and forks of the road with TC. Foster's bay Gelding won a purse of a cent. That old chap is up to pulverized nar-something like a hand on them."

> To see a wasp-waisted young lady in ringlets and an abundance of flounces, gracefully sail to the head of the table and with a voice as angelic as a tenor flute, call to the waiter for a plate of cold pork and beans, is the most trying but it will not amount to much. If it should our thing romance can encounter.

The Teacher Taught.

In my carly years I attend the public school at in telling long yarns. During these low times, Roxbury, Massachusetts. Dr. Nathaniel Pren-"wrathy" way, he threatened (without much tinking perhaps of rule he was establishing) to "Cool," says Mac, "don't begin to be. Why punish with six blows of a heavy ferule, the boys I've seen the weather so cool up the Mis- first boy detected in whispering, and appointed souri, that when I and Bob Graham got into a some of the scholars as detectors. Not long af-

> " Master !- Jonny Zeigler is a whispering !" Jonny was called up, and asked if it was a

> fact. He was a good boy, by the way, and a favorite both with the master and with the school. "Is it true?" asked the teacher, "did you

"Yes," answered John, "I did; but I was not aware what I was about when I did it. I was "But. Lord a massy, boys, before we got ten | working out a sum, and requested the boy next

The Doctor regretted his hasty threat; but at

" I wish I could avoid it, but I cannot, without a forfeiture of my own word, and the consequent loss of my authority. I will leave it," he adddd, " to any three of the scholars whom you may chose, to say whether not I shall omit the

John said he would agree to that, and immediately called out G. S., T. D., and D. P. The Doctor told them to return a verdict, which, after a little consultation, they did as follows:

"The Master's rules must be observed-must be kept inviolate. John must receive the threatened punishment of six blows of the ferula; but it must be inflicted on volunteer proxies ; and we the arbitrators will share the punishment, by receiving ourselves two blows each !"

John, who had listened to the verdict, stepped up to the Doctor, and with out-stretched hands

"Here is my hand; they shan't receive a blow. I will take the punishment."

The Doctor, under pretence of wiping his face, shielded his eyes, and telling the boys to go to their seats, said he " would think of it."

He did think of it to his dying day; but the punishmeni was never inflicted. The Philadelphia Bulletin has the follow-

Some forty or fifty years ago there lay at an- little cottage of the better class, with slate roof. Proud of the love token, Margaret hastened to the time when the tragedy had taken place. When Scottage the chor in a lonely, unfrequented bay or inlet on the small ornamental garden in front, and enclosed show it to her friend Mary Walters, who was to be Ecclesford had no doubt that the vessel spoken the middle of winter. Well, the frogs were so singer, married a Count, to the despair of a regiwest coast of Africa, a vessel of small size, and of with a neat iron railing. It was the residence of ber bridesmaid. Mary was a tall, gentle, pen- of was the Minerva, and that the mystery in suddenly took by the cold snap, that they were ment of other suitors, including the celebrated British build. She was a trader, and her pur- a Mrs. Evandale, a widow lady of decent, though sive-looking young woman of about eight or nine which her fate had been so long shrouded, was frozen in the mud afore they could get their heads. Count Monday, so called because he inveterately under, and we walked over an acre lot and kick- followed Sunday, (Sontag.) she was still far from ed off the heads of more than ten thousand frogs the summit of her fame. When she was courted and caressed in all the European capitals, honor-A bystander volunteered to treat the crowd- ed by Kings and Emperors, and petted by Queens and Empresses, she was still remote from the acme of her glory. It was reserved for the State A LEGAL ANECDOTE. The following anecdote of Virginia to crown her with her highest honor.

Sontag Prize' of \$100, has been endowed by "There is a well known custom prevailing in her donation, and it was contended for at a grand prisoners as have no one to defend them. On catered the lists to compete for the purse honorone occasion, the Court finding a man accused of ed with her gold and her name, while the Countlawyer, who was present, Mr. ----, please to the knights of the plow's tail, and reward the withdraw with the prisoner, confer with him and victor with one of her best stage smiles. Truly give him such counsel as may be best for his in- this is one of the drollest of ovations ever offered terests. The lawyer and client withdrew, and to an artist. Henceforward, Madame Sontag in fifteen minutes the lawyer returned into Court | must be associated, in the American mind, with alone. "Where is the prisoner?" asked the plowing matches, the tobacco crop, the last sales Court. "He has gone; your Honor told me to of Gallego flour, the price of guano, and other ingive him the best advice I could for his interest; teresting ideas connected with agriculture in and as he said he was guilty, I thought the best Virginia, and 'Carry me back to Old Virginny'

Do as I Do .- A well known fast man recently entered the Astor "Exchange," where he seldom fails to meet about twenty friends in the "smiling" hours. With his usual heartiness, he called up the company, who, nothing loath, at once " faced the counter." " You must all do as I do," said the liberal friend. "Oh, certainlyof course," was the unanimous reply. "What is yours going to be?" "I shall take pure brandy," was his reply. And they all called for P. ling on the counter and immediately retired. whispering in a soft, persuasive tone, "do as I do, gentlemen!" The party looked at one another with a comic stare, until one, who finally

KEEN RETORT .- A minister travling where the read was difficult to find, requested a man by the wayside to direct him, naming the place where he wished to go.

"Well," said the hedger and ditcher, "keep there at the cross roads you will see a minister, who will direct you to the left a couple of miles. old friends soon after I landed here—that is they and there at the fork of the road is another minall remember me-though I don't them-and we ister, who will direct you to the right about have got on a bit of a spree, and I don't know three miles, so on at every fork and cross of the road, is a minister to tell you which road to

"Why," says the other, " those things which

" Finger boards, you men," says the precher,

why do you call them ministers?" " Because they are always pointing the way to other people, and never go themselves."

There are rumors of an outbreak in Cube. readers shall be informed.